

Town of Wellesley – Board of Selectmen
Meeting Date: **July 18, 2011**

Present: Barbara Searle, Terri Tsagaris, Owen Dugan, Ellen Gibbs (Katherine Babson was absent)

Also present: Hans Larsen, Terry Connolly and Al Robinson

Warrants approved: 2001-056 (\$6,040,477.50), 2011-057 (\$2,915,887.69) and 2012-001 (\$4,968,017.87)

1. **Citizen Speak**

None.

2. **Executive Director's Update**

- The Board voted (4-0) to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2011 meeting of the Board of
- The Board voted (4-0) to appoint Ellen Scott, 11 Richland Road, as a member of the Youth Commission for a 3 year term to expire June 30, 2014.
- The Board voted (4-0) to appoint Christopher Cunningham as Public Weigher for a term to expire June 30, 2012
- The Board voted (4-0) to Steve Fader, Town Engineer, and William Millett, Senior Civil Engineer, to act on the Board's behalf with regard to the perambulation of the Town of Wellesley's boundaries with Needham, Natick, Weston and Newton.
- The Board discussed a letter received from Richard Joyce, Director of the Municipal Light Plant, regarding the potential development of a Distributed Antenna System policy, and asked Mr. Larsen to convey the Board's willingness to collaborate with the Municipal Light Plant on this initiative.
- The Board voted (4-0) to grant a Special Permit to the Natick Community Organic Farm for a Charity Wine Auction and Dinner at Wellesley College Club on September 19, 2011.

3. **Common Victualler License Application, Pinkberry, 180 Linden Street**

Trippe Lonian and J.J. Smith, representing Pinkberry, joined the Board and reviewed their application for Common Victualler license. The Board questioned the plans for deliveries and trash removal. The times for these activities are to comply with the terms of the Linden Square Development Agreement and not coincide with the morning and afternoon school commute periods.

The Board voted (4-0) to grant a Common Victualler license to Pinkberry located at 180 Linden Street.

4. **Projects and Other Updates**

- Wellesley High School None.
- Senior Center None.
- Advisory Committee Update None.
- Fuller Brook Path None.
- Public Transportation Study Ms. Gibbs noted the Working Group will complete the final report by August 8.
- Regional Matters None.
- Sustainability None.
- 27 Washington Street Mr. Larsen distributed a copy of the letter recently sent to neighbors advising them of the timing and logistics related to the upcoming roadway improvements.

5. **Traffic Regulation Amendments – Public Hearing**

Lieutenant Jack Pilecki joined the Board and Ms. Searle opened the public hearing.

- Parking Meters – Town Right-of-Way adjacent to 27 Washington Street

Mr. Connolly reviewed the plans for installing parking meters on the new parking spaces to be constructed on the Town right-of-way adjacent to 27 Washington Street. These spaces are to be metered for two hour parking.

Ms. Searle invited public comment. There was none.

The Board voted (4-0) to amend the Town's Traffic Regulations by adding to adding to SCHEDULE I-A - PARKING METER REGULATIONS, the following:

<i>Location</i>	<i>Side</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
Town Right of Way	Easterly Side	Adjacent to 27 Washington Street	

- Squirrel Road /Croton Street

Mr. Larsen reviewed the staff's recommendation proposal to install a STOP on Squirrel Road at the intersection with Croton Street. Two residents requested the Town consider a STOP or YIELD sign be installed at this location. Lt. Pilecki and Kien Ho from Beta investigated this matter and Mr. Ho has advised a STOP sign is warranted by the

downgrade on Croton Street approaching this intersection and the poor sight lines for motorists exiting Squirrel Road. Lt. Pilecki affirmed his support for a STOP sign.

Ms. Searle invited public comment. Marilyn Siderwicz, 15 Squirrel Road, expressed support for the proposal and questioned why Croton Street traffic has right-of-way at that intersection (vs. Squirrel traffic). Mr. Larsen noted this is based on the relative volume of traffic. Ms. Searle noted the Board received correspondence from Paul LaViolette (opposed to a STOP sign and would prefer a YIELD sign) and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Verrier (view a STOP sign as overdue) regarding the proposal. Mr. Dugan noted he had visited the site and believes a STOP sign is warranted, as a proactive measure to avoid future accidents. Lt. Pilecki noted Ms. Siderwicz' question regarding who has right-of-way emphasizes the need for signage.

The Board voted (4-0) to amend the Town's Traffic Regulations by adding to SCHEDULE IV, STOP SIGNS, the following:

<i>Location</i>	<i>At</i>	<i>So as to Face</i>
Squirrel Road	Croton Street	Northbound Traffic

Ms. Searle closed the hearing.

6. **Traffic Signal Timing Adjustments – Intersection of Washington and State Streets**

Mr. Larsen noted the Town had arranged for Whole Foods to fund a study by the Beta Group, the Town's consulting traffic engineers, of the performance of the traffic signal at the intersection of Washington and State Streets. The results of that study indicate the need for an advance signal phase for westbound traffic on Washington Street. The results of this study have been reviewed with Whole Foods representatives, the Police Department, and the Town Engineer. Mr. Larsen is negotiating with Whole Foods and Gravestar (property owner) to pay for the new equipment and installation work required to implement the modified signal timing. In addition, Mr. Larsen is arranging for Whole Foods to pay for a review of the operation of the modified signal several months following the opening of the new Whole Foods store.

No action by the Selectmen is required on this matter.

7. **Position Statement on Legislative/Congressional Redistricting**

Ms. Gibbs and Mr. Dugan reviewed the State's plans for redistricting following the completion of the 2010 Federal census, and proposed the following recommendations to the Special Joint Committee on Redistricting:

- That Wellesley be represented entirely within a single House and single Senate district.
- That there be significant overlap among both House and Senate districts of which we are a part.

- If Wellesley is divided between districts, that those districts include neighboring geographic towns.
- That Wellesley be included in districts consisting of municipalities with which we share common regional and local interests.

The Board discussed the recommendations and voted (4-0) to support the recommendations on redistricting as presented; and further to authorize the chair to sign a letter on behalf of the Board conveying these recommendations to the Special Joint Committee on Redistricting

8. **Open Meeting Law – Proposed Regulations Authorizing Remote Participation in Public Meetings**

Ms. Tsagaris reviewed the key elements of the draft regulations promulgated by the Attorney General. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that Ms. Tsagaris would solicit the views of the other Town Boards on the draft regulations.

At 8:35 the meeting was adjourned.